

## WANT BARGE ONLY TO LOWER RATES

John Bernhard, Promoter of River Line, Says That Is Only Reason Shippers Encourage Him.

SCORES ST. PAUL BUSINESS MEN

Contrasts Up-City With Hannibal, Mo., Where 10,000 Tons Were Guaranteed Him.

That Mississippi river shippers are using selfishly in advocating development of water transportation is the opinion of John Bernhard, originator of the Bernhard barge line. He holds that they want transportation lines operated on the river merely for the influence it will have on railroad rates. They are not ready to assume any personal obligations, such as the guaranteeing of a certain amount of freight, the very thing that is necessary to insure the opening of new boat lines.

Mr. Bernhard has hopes of operating a barge line and last year he made an experimental trip. Later he thought he had secured the cities along the river for support. Now he expresses his views in the current issue of the *Waterways Journal*. Particularly in St. Paul and its business institutions given a grilling.

Mr. Bernhard, after the experimental trip declared a barge line would be a success if the shippers would contribute to it. He made the canvass in an effort to gain an idea of what business, and the amount, would be given to the line so that he could go east and present the data to capitalists there and form a company to promote the barge line.

### In Shores Problem.

He says at the opening of the article. "Navigation upon the Mississippi river is a shore problem rather than a water problem. Whatever the difference of opinion may be as to what is the proper type of boat, one thing is sure, and that is that boats can be built that will give a regular, reliable and cheap service on the Mississippi river as it is at the present time. I, for one, contend that the stern wheeler has had its day. Some people think that the screw propelled barge that I advocate is not the type for the Mississippi river, but whether they are wrong or I am right does not make much difference; the fact remains that a well patronized, properly organized and efficiently managed river line that takes advantage of all modern ideas will give due consideration to development of marine architecture as well as to marine engineering, can give a service upon the Mississippi river that can very successfully compete with the railroads and move freight at a cost well below the cost of railroad operation."

He then discussed lack of terminal facilities in cities on the river and points to the absence of these as the reason that railroad rather than river transportation is the method of moving much of the freight. He points out the cheapness in operation of even the large river craft.

### No Access to Terminal.

Discussing the case of St. Paul he says that the terminal at that city has no access from the business institutions which would warrant shipping by river. Roads leading to it are built in gravel, he asserts, and a heavy cost is incident in the loading and unloading from the terminal.

He suggests public terminals with loading places for regular barge lines.

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This is being done to show the farmers and land owners it is proposed to construct the road. The money is said to be ready to be put into the road and construction companies are ready to do the work. A charter has been applied for and will be issued in the next few days.

### Notice.

The Rock Island National bank, located at Rock Island, to the State of Illinois, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment.

H. K. CASTELL, President.

Dated at Rock Island, Illinois, this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1915.—(Adv.)

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statements therein made are true in substance and fact.

Dated this 4th day of May, 1915.  
CHARLES VIRDEN,  
State Agent Board of Administration of Charitable Institutions.

Adopt Resolutions.

The board of directors of Bethany Protective association at its regular monthly meeting held May 1, 1915, passed the following resolution:

Moved by O. F. Anderson and seconded by G. W. Gamble:

"Resolved, That Matron Josie Rounds be commended for her management of the home and that any further unsigned communications attacking the management be turned over to the state's attorney for prosecution." Motion carried.

JOHN H. HAUBERG,  
Secretary.

Call it Cowardly.

This statement was forwarded to Mr. Virden, who was then at work in Chicago, and was examined by him. Afterward he expressed his approval of the finding in the following letter which the committee, which was named to make the inquiry at the special meeting May 1, today also made public:

Springfield, Ill., May 7, 1915.—To the members of the board of the Bethany Protective association, Rock Island, Ill. Kind friends:

I have read the statement made by your special committee selected at the meeting of the board at my suggestion, relative to the unwarranted attack on the matron and management of the Bethany Protective association, and most heartily endorse your action in the matter. I think it fitting to say at this time that unsigned letters such as were written to my office are seldom worthy of any serious consideration, as they are usually the work of a coward and I did not pay any attention to the matter until the second letter came, written in the same hand. Then I called Miss Gallagher, my assistant, and went to Rock Island and went carefully and thoroughly into the matter with the results as given in your report.

The placing of the blame upon any

person was withheld until we had made numerous comparisons of handwriting and had called to our assistance as many as 20 persons, each of whom were confident that the charge was laid at the door of the right person. We are in hopes that this will end the malicious attacks by this person, and I concur fully with the members of the committee in their promise to place the matter in the hands of the state's attorney for prosecution, should there be a recurrence of the affair.

I am in full sympathy with the matron or superintendent of the institutions, such as the Bethany Protective association, and at all times am endeavoring to assist them in any and every way. I consider their burden heavy enough without adding to it by words of criticism and that by "black hand" methods.

Remnants of Broken Homes.

It is a sad thing, but true, that a large number of these children are simply the remnants of broken homes. Some of them sleep for the first time in a decent bed when they are sent to the home. The first decent meals they have ever eaten is from the table in the home. They come shabbily dressed, many of them dirty, infested with vermin, and so often diseased and without any training in anything that goes to make an ideal child. Out of this product we expect the matron in charge, and her small company of helpers, to develop in a day or two a child, ideal in every respect. Failing to do this, we criticize the matron. For the benefit of the present matron, I wish to state that when I called to see one witness, a prominent educator of the city and to whom I was referred to get the truth of the matter, she said in substance: "Yes, two or three children from the home did have vermin on their heads and on one occasion they came to school unwashed and poorly clad and I called up at once and the matter was rectified, but this did not occur under the present matron. This happened several months ago. The children come now as well clothed as the average child in the school."

I was pleased to find the electricians at work installing an electric lighting system and to find that the contract has already been let to place a good, substantial and safe fire escape on the outside of the building. The building was still under quarantine and had been for some time. It was to be released in a few days and the house fumigated and thoroughly renovated. We hope that the criticism buried at the matron and home may prove a help in place of hindrance and will strengthen the friendships it already has. I wish it made plain that I will not stand for the neglect or ill treatment of any child, and will gladly consider any correspondence forwarded to my office and investigate any charge made if the writer is honest enough and brave enough to sign his or her name. Very truly yours,  
CHARLES VIRDEN,  
State Agent.

### April Donations.

The following donations were made to the home in the month of April: Rock Island: Butter, boiled ham, potatoes, Broadway Presbyterian church; oranges, Augustana book bindery; tomato butter, Mrs. Mahaffey; jelly, Mr. and Mrs. Cook; jelly, Mrs. Elteman; oranges, Mrs. C. A. Carlson; Mrs. C. E. Edwell, Mrs. E. B. Kerr, Mrs. O. F. Lundahl, Rev. N. J. Forsberg; jelly and bananas, Mrs. C. M. Hubbard; bananas, fruit peddler; jelly, peaches, oranges, Mrs. Harry Ellis; fruit, Mrs. L. Chiburg; fruit, Mrs. A. Graham; oranges, C. Buckert; fruit, Mrs. C. H. Connell, Mrs. Albert Johnson, Mrs. O. P. Olson; cream, Mrs. C. Moeller; oranges, little girl; eggs, William Ferkel, Joslyn, Ill.; fruit, jelly, Mrs. R. C. Clarke; bolt of gingham, Mrs. J. H. Hauberg; piano player, Mrs. George Roth; jelly,

Mrs. Carl Rochow, Moline; fruit and jelly, Mrs. Deelene; fruit, Mrs. George Huntton, Sr., and Mrs. George Huntton, Jr.; candy, Huntton children; oranges, Mrs. Hibbard; candy and jelly, Mrs. Lindgren; oranges, Mrs. Childs; oranges, Mrs. William Ball; one dollar, C. A. Lewis; fruit, jelly, tomatoes, peas, corn, apples, oranges, Easter eggs, ladies of the First Methodist church; fruit and oranges, Mesdames E. D. Aldrich; A. B. Johnson, H. E. Anselme, David Young, A. E. Rockwell, Carl Abrams, J. L. Cramer, Miss Anna Gran.

### Matron's Report.

The report of the matron for the month of April follows:

In home April 1, 19 children; received during month, one girl; returned to parents, three boys; highest number cared for 17 boys, 13 girls, total 30; lowest number cared for 14 boys, 13 girls, total 27; now in home 14 boys, 13 girls, total 27; cases of measles 10, visits of Dr. A. N. Mueller 10; children under 6 years seven boys and four girls, total 11; from 6 to 13, seven boys and eight girls, total 15; average age 5 1/2 years, boarders seven boys and six girls, total 13; county charges seven boys and seven girls, total 14. Money received for board for month, \$75.50. One boy ran away.

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## DR. C. T. FOSTER IS A SCHOOL CANDIDATE

It is understood that Dr. C. T. Foster is a candidate for nomination for member of the board of education, to succeed Dr. R. M. Pearce, whose term expires this year. Sam Ryerson, county recorder, is also being urged by his friends to make the race. The election will be held the middle of next month.

## STATUTORY CHARGES ARE MADE IN BILL

Suit for divorce was started in circuit court yesterday by Rudolph Skocovsky, Moline, vs. Annie Skocovsky. The couple was married Feb. 23, 1914, and separated May 6, 1915. Statutory charges are made. William & Ingelson are the attorneys.

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